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1. At the Mathias Thesen yard in Wismar, where work on the Russian Passenger ship MOZHAISKI is being pushed forward with the utmost speed, the lifting wire of a crane let go while installing one of the turbines, and the turbine dropped into the hold. The base of the turbine broke, and it had to be sent back to Bergmann-Borsig in Berlin for repairs. The completion of the ship will be delayed by three months, as a result.
2. At the same yard, the river passenger ships under construction for Russia are being set up in 11 sections of 35 tons each. The quota for 1953 consists of three complete ships, while another three are under construction. The first two sections of each of the first two ships are ready for assembly. It is said that the quota of the yard will be reduced by 50 percent because of a lack of money.
3. The "DRACHE", under construction at the Neptun yard in Rostock, is a destroyer-like vessel destined for the Seepolizei. The chief constructor is named Schlag (fnu), who is also head of the Feenewerft at Wolgast. Only the hull is to be built at Rostock; the equipment will be put in at Wolgast. The length of the keel is 82 m.
4. Schlag formerly worked in the Schichau yard at Danzig. After 1945, he became head of the first Russian Construction Bureau in Warnemuende. The director of the Mathias-Thesen yard in Wismar, Rösse, is also a former Schichau man; he is a typical politician.
5. The two Diesel engines for the B 7 (WALDEMAR KOPHAMEL), being overhauled by Buckau-Wolf in Magdeburg, are expected by the middle of June 1953. The parts ordered from MAN have not yet arrived.
6. The engines of REFRIGERATOR No. 3 have been installed. Two 200 h.p. Diesel engines from Buckau-Wolf are available as auxiliaries. A 100 h.p. engine to operate the cooling system is still lacking.

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- 25X1 7. The ship VENTA, [REDACTED] is ready for her second trial run. She lost both ~~anchors~~ on the first trial, since they were not properly secured.
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- 25X1 9. Repairs to M boat [REDACTED] will take another month.
- 25X1 10. M boat [REDACTED] will take six weeks.
- 25X1 11. M boat [REDACTED] will require two months more.
- 25X1 12. M boat [REDACTED] will take three months.
- 25X1 13. M boat [REDACTED] will take three months more.
- 25X1 14. Torpedo recovery boat, [REDACTED] will take about two months.
- 25X1 15. The boom-breaker KULOI, [REDACTED] has been placed in dock, and her wooden superstructure is being replaced with steel plates.
- 25X1 16. The training ship ALAGES, [REDACTED] will take four or five months to repair.
- 25X1 17. The fleet tanker ERUSLAN, [REDACTED] is in dock for repairs to screws and rudder.
18. The wreck of the ice-breaker CASTOR is being cleaned and scraped.
19. The repairs to cargo No. I, KOLOMNA, are complete. Some boiler tubes are still being cleaned. The ship will be ready to leave in about eight days.
20. The main engines have been installed in freighter No. II, KALUGA. The yard trial has been set for 10 May 1953.
21. The work on freighter No. III, not yet named, is going forward very slowly because of material shortages. Seamless tubing, plates for partitions, and 6, 7 and 8 mm rivets are lacking.
22. The launching date for freighter No. V, not yet named, has already been passed by a month. Plating for the superstructure is lacking.
23. The launching date for salvage ship No. I has been passed by five weeks. Bottom valves are completely lacking. The yard superintendant wanted to launch the ship without them, but the Russian inspector refused to permit this.
24. The Neptun yard attained 78 percent of its quota during the first quarter of 1953.
25. At the Warnow yard in Warnemuende there are now three passenger ships in for repair; the YURI DOLGORUKI of about 10,000 tons, and two 8,000-ton vessels without names painted on them. Work is now in progress on the high pressure system of the YURI DOLGORUKI. The ship is being outfitted so that it can be turned into a hospital ship at short notice.
26. The Warnow yard is building a cable-crane installation similar to the one at the Mathias Thesen yard.

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27. In the last two weeks there has been a sharp falling off in the shipment of reparations goods from Rostock, and ship movement in the port has been very small. ALAZEIA, 2,700 tons, from Leningrad, discharged grain and took on reparations goods. VAYENGA, 2,200 tons, home port Archangel, came in in ballast, and loaded reparations goods. AKADEMIK KARPINSKI, 2,000 tons, Leningrad, discharged grain and loaded reparations goods. VORWAERTS, an East German vessel, came in in ballast, and loaded reparations goods.

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28. At Warnemuende, KLAUS WILHELM, 800-ton motorship [REDACTED] unloaded steel plates.

29. Work has begun at the boat yard Gehlsdorf on the so-called high sea rescue boats, 27 m. long and 5.75 m. in beam. They will have two 400 h.p. motors and are probably for the Seepolizei.

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